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a leading member of the various associations of his adopted city and his native State. The Master's degree conferred upon him by Brown University in 1835 was fairly his due thirty years earlier. He is the acknowledged father of the public school system of Rhode Island, and was for many years engaged in the supervision of the public schools of Providence. He was identified, as a prime mover or as an energetic helper, with every public institution and benevolent enterprise that originated in the city, from his early manhood to his late old age. His public addresses were many, and of a high order of excellence. His diaries were minute and copious, comprehending much of the else unwritten history of Rhode Island, and many interesting details of his military service and experience. He was withal a consistent and devout Christian, for many years officiated as Deacon of the First Congregational Church, and honored this sacred function by a life of eminent purity and sanctity. Mr. Stone has done his work well and faithfully, and has prepared a biography which, with that of Amos Lawrence, we should rejoice to put into the hands of every young man in the land, as an exhibition of the power of self-culture, integrity, and piety to supplement the deficiencies of early training, to develop true greatness of soul and character, and to convert obstacles into helps, disadvantages into privileges.

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- 19.—*Memoirs of Washington*. By MRS. C. M. KIRKLAND. With Illustrations. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1857. 12mo. pp. 517.

THIS work is specially dedicated by the author to young readers; but many of every age will, we apprehend, enjoy it more than any other life of Washington. The only mark of its peculiar adaptation to those of tender years is the omission of many "details of battle and statesmanship, the cruelties of war and politics," and the insertion in their stead of numerous personal anecdotes, not a few of which now first see the light. The writer has succeeded better than any other biographer in vivifying the image and memory of Washington, and had the book been written by a member of his own family, it could hardly have furnished a more thoroughly lifelike exhibition of the great man. Mrs. Kirkland's skill and grace as a writer are too well known to need our praise. Suffice it to say, that she has never done herself more ample justice than now.